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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the notice from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of cited U.S. patents, no copy of the listed U.S. patent application publication document is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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KAZUYUKI MASUMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 10/785,012

Filed: February 25, 2004

For: PRINTING APPARATUS,
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

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The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents are provided in the English abstracts attached to those documents.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/247,282	September 20, 2002	2613
10/265,791	October 8, 2002	2622

A copy of each cited Application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

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SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED PTO-1449 FORM

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed Corrected Form PTO-1449.

The Form PTO-1449 which accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 12, 2004 (copy attached), inadvertently contained a typographical error in identifying the third document listed under "Foreign Patent Documents".

Specifically, the document number listed as JP 2001-177210 should read:

--JP 2000-177210--.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Corrected Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

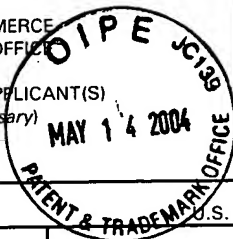
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	JP	2000-177210	06/27/00	Japan	B41J	29/38	Abstract

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JP	2001-290615	10/19/01	Japan	G06F	3/12	Abstract
JP	2001-282470	10/12/01	Japan	G06F	3/12	Abstract
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